

BETHEL DIRECTORY.

ARRANGEMENT OF MAILS.
Mails Close.
GOING EAST, 9:00 a. m. S. p. m. Closed mail for Portland and all points beyond 3:15 p. m.
GOING WEST, 1:30 p. m. S. p. m. Closed mail for Albany 4:30 p. m. For Lakeside and intermediate offices 4:30 p. m.
Mails Arrive.
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OFFICE HOURS: 7 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Sundays 12 M to 12:30 p. m. 6 to 6:30 p. m.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY DEC. 18, 1895.

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BETHEL LOCALS.

"A city that is set on a hill can not be hid."

1896 will be Leap Year.

"A Regular Fix" New Year's eve.

Christmas is just around the corner.

Men are at work pressing Judge Woodbury's work.

Prices of poultry remain at the Thanksgiving standard.

Ellsworth Howard of Rumford Falls spent Sunday in town.

Hanover, Dec. 4th, to the wife of M. J. Swain a son (eleven pounds).

H. B. Chapman has sold his farm to Irving Wilson and will go to Massachusetts.

Mrs. C. M. Kimball of East Bethel spent the past week with her brother and family, F. D. Bartlett of Berlin, N. H.

Next Sunday, appropriate to Christmas, the subject at the Universalist church will be, "The Unspeakable Gift."

Only seven days more before close time; our local sports will have to hurry a little or they will be left out of the big deer stories.

Mr. Sanford L. Fogg, a former South Paris boy, was last week appointed to the responsible position of Judge of the Bath Municipal Court, by Governor Cleaves.

Bert Barker and F. B. Howe of Hanover were in Bethel, Saturday, with a very fine deer head which they were taking to N. H. Merrow at West Bethel, to have mounted.

See the fine collection of Christmas Souvenir views of Bethel and vicinity, at Kimball's studio; these views are all new, cabinet size, on fancy mounts, made especially for Christmas trade. 12 1/2 cts. each, ten for \$1.00.

So, Paris is having more than her share of burglaries. Last Saturday morning an attempt was made to blow open the safe in True's grist mill, but about all that was accomplished was the destruction of the safe and the windows in the building.

Our popular livery and express man, Geo. A. Plaisted, is building a large carriage house and shop just back of his stables. Mr. Plaisted has a well equipped livery business and this will afford him a better chance to attend to his increasing business.

It was our pleasure to call at the new office of the Oxford Democrat at South Paris last Friday, and to meet for the first time the publishers of that excellent newspaper, Messrs. Atwood & Forbes. They are both young men and we found them extremely pleasant. They have one of the best equipped newspaper offices in the state and they understand their business, as their paper bears evidence. Their office is located in the new Billings block and was especially arranged for the Democrat. It cannot be improved. Messrs. Atwood & Forbes will be pleased to receive calls from Bethel people at any time.

We also called at the Advertiser office in Norway and found Bro. Sanborn busy engaged with his accounts. He has recently purchased a large amount of new type for the Advertiser and has put in a new job press. He reports plenty of business.

The entertainment to be given by the Ladies' Club at Odeon Hall Thursday evening, Dec. 19th, will consist of the story of King Ludwig of Bavaria, written by Miss Alice G. Chapman, daughter of the late T. A. Chapman of Milwaukee, Wis., and illustrated by some eighty stereoscopic views. While traveling in Europe, Miss Chapman became acquainted with the daughter of this unfortunate King's attending physician, from whom she learned much of his private life—the romance and pathos of which so wrought upon her sympathies, while amid the scenes with which he was associated, that she wrote this story of his life. She has had the photographs she gathered there worked up for stereoscopic use, and given to thousands of people the benefit of a most instructive and pleasurable entertainment.

Tickets for admission 25 cents. Children under 12 years of age 10 cents. Lecture begins at 7:30.

LADY AND GENTLEMAN
Patients are frequently seen going to the Keely Institute, Deering, Maine, on bicycles. The New Woman is there among other ladies, and the coming man is also there. Radical changes for the betterment of mankind must soon be felt from the effects of the Keely treatment as administered at Deering, Maine, the only Keely Institute in this State.

Special sales of boots and shoes at the Cash Shoe Store.

There are at present seven inmates at the Paris jail.

Irving Kimball was out with his camera yesterday taking views of the Cole Block.

Hiram Wiles has moved from Mechanic street into Miss Mary Chapman's room on High street.

Arthur Howe, who is at work on the Philbrook residence, spent Sunday at his home in Hanover.

The little child of Alice Morgan who lives on Clark street was quite badly bitten on the arm by a dog Monday.

The Union will be omitted next week on account of Christmas, but will meet with Mrs. F. E. Barton Tuesday, Dec. 31st.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Fireman's grand Ball, New Year's eve. This will be quite the event of the season.

The Congregational society will hold a Christmas concert next Sabbath evening. Also, there will be a Christmas tree Wednesday evening.

The best Christmas present you can make your family is a Life Insurance policy in the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. S. N. Buck is Oxford county agent. Call and see him. Particulars on application.

Last Thursday the Ladies' Club held a very interesting meeting with Mrs. Gilbert Tuell. The next meeting will be held Dec. 26, and will be of unusual interest. Accounts of the different customs of observing Christmas in different countries will be given.

The Gospel Temperance meeting Sunday evening was fully attended. Rev. Alexander Hamilton, pastor of the M. E. church, gave a fine address. From many allusions he pointed out the danger lurking in wine, cider and beer. It was a very helpful lecture to those who will take heed thereto. Mrs. York as soloist and Miss Laura Hall very kindly assisted. The recitation by Master Jamie Finney was very nicely given and proved very taking.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.
The following names have been added to the News subscription list during the past week.

Nathan Bean, Bethel.

Dr. R. C. Wiley.

W. C. Bean, Bethel, N. Y.

C. L. Gray, Morgan, Cal.

W. W. Edwards, Denver, Col.

Roscoe C. Clark, Bradock, Pa.

C. C. Lovejoy, Waltham, Mass.

Nora G. Merrill, Portland, Me.

D. S. Hastings, Ubat, Mont.

Mrs. M. A. Gould, Newburyport, Mass.

W. O. Straw, Ubat, Mont.

White Sewing Machine Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Keely Institute, Deering, Me.

Mrs. Cora Morrill, Norway, Me.

John E. Gagne, collector of taxes for the city of Lewiston for 1893, is some \$4,000 short in his accounts; the trouble is attributed to incapacity and careless methods of book-keeping, rather than his dishonesty.

GOULD'S ACADEMY NOTES.
The Literature classes for the term were organized on Friday. Mr. Small's class will read Irving's Sketch Book, and Miss Hastings' class will read Addison's "Sir Roger de Coverley."

The class taking the English requirements for College, with the instruction of Miss Purinton, is making a study of Milton's "L'Allegro. II. Penseroso, Comus, and Lycidas."

After the reading came the first speaking for the term, by the "First Division" as follows:

The Three Bells, Edith Abbott.

A Boy Patriot, Blanche Bartlett.

A Single Stitch, Elsie Bartlett.

The 22nd of December.

Percy Bartlett

Total Annihilation,

Robert Bisbee.

Aunt Tabitha, Daisy Brooks.

A Sign-board, Fannie Capen.

The Angelus, Alice Carter.

The Feast of the Nation,

Florence Carter.

The Little Skipper and his Wife,

Ella Chandler.

Wanted, Alonzo Chapman.

Emily Geiger's Ride,

Sarah Chapman.

On Thursday of last week, the students selected officers for the Lyceum, William Bryant was chosen President; Cornelia French, Vice President; Winifred Hall, Secretary; Gliman Chapman, Treasurer; Committee of Arrangements, Joan Stearns, Alice Carter, Fred Merrill, George French. The first public meeting will be held on Wednesday of this week at seven o'clock.

The pupils are talking of getting up a public entertainment sometime in the future, for the purpose of raising funds for furnishing the Academy hall.



HON. R. A. FRYE, ESQ.

Prominent in the history of Bethel, prominent in the history of the state of Maine, and prominent in the history of this nation, is the name of Frye. It embraces many of the legal profession, and is synonymous with stability and integrity. William Frye was the first lawyer who came to Bethel, with a view of settling here. He was a young man at that time, but here he spent his entire life. Here his sons and daughters were born, and here was his son, R. A. Frye, the subject of this sketch, born, educated, and matured, and here like his father, he has spent his entire life. Fifty years ago he located on the corner where he may now be found, day in and day out, during all these years he has been found at his post of duty, ready to attend to whatever matters to which his attention has been called.

First as student with his father, then as law partner, and afterwards succeeding to the practice, Mr. Frye is and ever has been very methodical in his habits, and each day as it comes around finds him at his office. He was born in July, 1829, and obtained his education at Gould's Academy. He was admitted to the bar in 1859, and has ever had a good practice. In 1853 he married Esther, daughter of Kimball and Rachel Martin of Rumford. They have one daughter, Miss Annie Frye. Three years after his marriage he built the house on Broad Street in which he now resides, and here have he and Mrs. Frye spent forty very happy years of their married life. Mr. Frye never has sought for political honors, but in 1879 he was elected Judge of Probate for Oxford County and served four years in a very satisfactory manner. In 1881 he was nominated for U. S. Senator by the Democrat party and received the full support of his party, but they were in the minority and he was defeated by Wm. P. Frye (Republican), who, by the way, is now serving his third term in the same capacity. As a citizen, Mr. Frye is always interested in whatever he regards as conducive to the public good. He is of sedentary habits, and is seldom seen elsewhere than at his office or at his home.

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